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FROM USREP DOWNS/ICAO

E.O. 11652: NA
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SUBJECT: KOREAN AIRLINE FLIGHT FORCED DOWN IN USSR

REF: A. STATE 148207, B. MONTREAL 1152

1. PER PARA 3 REFTEL B, USREP ADVISED THAT USSR AND CZECHOSLOVAKIA HAVE CHOSEN TO MAKE WHAT SHOULD BE AND IS PRESENTED AS AN ICAO SAFETY MATTER INTO A USSR-WESTERN CONFRONTATION AND THAT CONFRONTATION VENUE WILL BE 30 NATION ICAO COUNCIL. REFTEL A SUGGESTS THAT IF USREP RECEIVES SUPPORT THROUGH DEMARCHE FOR UK/US POSITION THAT SUCH COULD BE CONSTRUED AS US-USSR CONFRONTATION. USREP CANNOT DISTINGUISH BETWEEN US-USSR CONFRONTATION AND USSR-WESTERN CONFRONTATION.

2. TODAY'S CONTACTS WITH BRAZIL, LEBANON, MEXICO MAKE USREP OPTIMISTIC BUT NOT CERTAIN OF PREVAILING IN USSR CONFRONTATION AND STILL FEEL THAT CONTACT SHOULD BE MADE WITH COUNTRIES REFERRED TO IN REFTEL B EX BRAZIL.

3. IN VIEW OF STATE'S RELUCTANCE TO MAKE A DEMARCHE AT ANY LEVEL, UKREP GREEN AND I HAVE CONFERRED WITH LEBANON REP ABOUCHACRA WHO WILL PRESENT ALTERNATIVE PROPOSAL.
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4. TEXT OF PROPOSAL QUOTE: THE AIR NAVIGATION COMMISSION IS INVITED TO REVIEW THOSE PROCEDURES AND RECOMMEND IMPROVEMENTS. UNQUOTE

5. SINCE IATA AND IFALPA ARE NON-VOTING MEMBERS OF ANC, COMPLETE INPUT WILL BE PROVIDED TO ANC.

6. SUCH PROPOSAL WILL BE SUPPORTED IN ADDITION TO PROPOSERS BY BRAZIL, FRANCE, ITALY, FRG, AUSTRALIA, CANADA, MEXICO AND PROBABLY JAPAN. THIS PROPOSAL WILL, IF ADOPTED, EFFECTIVELY ACCOMPLISH AIMS SET OUT BY UK/US PROPOSAL. I REGRET DROPPING WESTERN LEADERSHIP ESPECIALLY IN VIEW OF FACT THAT I UNDERSTAND SENATOR SPARKMAN WAS ADVISED THAT LEADERSHIP IN ICAO RE INTERCEPT PRACTICES WAS BEING LED BY US.

7. USSR'S REJECTION OF ANY DISCUSSION OF INTERCEPT PROCEDURES INCLUDING AIR TO AIR, AIR TO GROUND, AND AIR TO GROUND TO AIR COMMUNICATIONS MAKES THIS A FORTIORI A POLITICAL AND NOT A TECHNICAL ISSUE. IF AVIATION COUNTRIES ARE REBUFFED IN THEIR EFFORTS TO REVIEW AND UPGRADE SAFETY MEASURES BY USSR'S INTRANSIGENCE, US WILL HAVE SUFFERED DEFEAT IN IDEOLOGICAL AND NOT TECHNICAL ARENA.
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